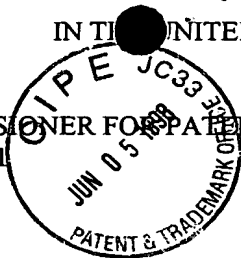


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Case Docket No. 6563

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an RESPONSE/AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): GARY D. LAVON, et al.

Serial No.: 08/828,005

Group Art Unit: 3735

Date Filed: March 27, 1997

Examiner: K. Reichle

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING REMOVABLE COMPONENTS

1. ☒ No additional fee is known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*	RATE	FEE
TOTAL	*	MINUS	**	=	x \$22 =	\$
INDEP.	*	MINUS	***	=	x \$82 =	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$270 =	\$
					TOTAL	\$

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated December 2, 1997 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$950.00 for a three month extension of time.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
  - a. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
  - b. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action (Paper No. 4) mailed December 2, 1997. A three-month extension of time has been requested in the accompanying petition. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Line 2, replace "invention comprise" with --invention have--.

Line 4, replace "core comprises" with --core has--.

Line 4, replace "the topsheet" with --a topsheet--.

Line 10, replace "core comprises" with --core has--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 22, delete "(to be inserted when ascertained)," and insert therefore -08/833,015--.

Page 2, lines 22-23, delete "(to be inserted when ascertained)," with --6562--.